RESOLUTION 1986-13

WHEREAS: The Elgin City Council has been addressed both formally and informally with regard to juvenile problems experienced by residents and business operators; and

WHEREAS: The legislature in 1983 enacted a law which for practical purposes prohibited the pre-hearing incarceration of juveniles with the exception of those accused and likely to commit serious felonies; and

WHEREAS: The Elgin Police Department has reported arresting a few juveniles many times and finding their only alternative is to hold the individules for three hours and then release them back on to the streets; and

WHEREAS: There is concern if juveniles are allowed to burglarize, arson and thieve at will, a state of terrorism will exist and the likelihood of vigilants acitvity will increase.

NOW THEREFORE: The members of the Elgin City Council do hereby resolve:

That the State must reverse its current direction towards downsizing and eliminating bedspace at the MacLaren Juvenile Facility.

Further that the State should continue to provide bedspace in Union County for offenders who do not respond to other counseling and rehabilitation efforts; and

Further the State provide legislation which will require either the juvenile or a parent or guardian to be responsible at least financially for the acts of a juvenile; and

Further the Criminal Justice System including the State, keep in mind there must be consequences for criminal acts and their tenet be considered in preparing policy and administrative direction for the Criminal Justice System specifically the Juvenile System; and

Further "Electronic House Arrest" be used as a deterrent for repeat offenders.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9th day of September, 1986

APPROVED THIS 9th day of September, 1986.

Betty Hulse
CITY RECORDER

L. Jean Cowan
MAYOR